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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Selectmen of Bedford—The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town for the year ending March 1, 1877, as appears upon the books of the Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

Assets from the Treasury, 1876, .	$12,285 19	
Received assessment, 1876, . . .	6,326 25	
Savings bank tax, ...	1,568 71	
Railroad tax, ...	102 22	
Literary fund, ...	92 90	
Insurance tax, ...	7 50	
Thomas Kendall, old furniture, . .	1 00	
Interest on bonds, ...	252 00	
F. F. French, old Town House, . .	100 00	
Interest on Patten note, . . .	12 11	
Returned by F. R. French, . . .	10 78	
Premium on bond, ...	814 83	
Interest on bond, ...	30 00	
Balance of interest, 1874, . . .	12 19	
Silas A. Riddle, graveyard lots, . .	72 00	
Elbridge G. Tolford, received of county,	166 00	
		$21,853 68

TREASURER PAID.

Paid orders,	$13,800 78	
State tax,	1,604 00	
County tax,	909 07	
Schools in full,	1,636 28	
State bond,	1,000 00	
Due from Collector,	1,871 37	
School money of 1875,	66 14	
Old orders,	286 83	
Cash on hand,	679 21	
		$21,853 68

All of which is respectfully submitted,

OLIVER L. KENDALL,
Treasurer.

BEDFORD, March 1, 1877.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Clinton French, services as Selectman,	$136 50
Elbridge G. Tolford, services as Selectman,	132 00
Warren G. Currier, services as Selectmam	82 00
Oliver L. Kendall, services as Treasurer,	50 00
George W. Flint, services as Town Clerk,	66 56
Elijah C. Stevens, services as Superintendent School Committee,	60 00
John Hodgman, services as Collector,	133 57
George W. Goffe, services as Moderator,	5 00
Frank Clifford, damage to sled on Vose Hill,	6 00
D. R. Barnard, taking care of and repairing Town House,	18 00
Warren G. Currier, aid to transient persons,	2 00

J. A. Patten, services as Constable in 1874, . . , . . .	$5 00
Campbell & Hanscom, printing town reports, ...	44 88
E. G. Tolford, invoice books and stationery, ...	5 43
James Curtice, sheep killed by dogs, .	10 00
T. F. Moore, damage to wagon, on Meadow road, ...	3 75
Temple and Farrington, books and stationery, ...	5 77
Campbell & Hanscom, printing auction bills, ...	2 00
Temple & Farrington, record book and stationery, ...	6 61
Quincy Barnard, abatement on taxes in 1875, ...	8 39
Silas A. Riddle, moving furniture from old town house, ...	1 50
Joseph H. Stevens, surveying Tarr road and town house lot, . . .	3 00
E. G. Tolford, recording births and deaths and stamps, ...	64
Asa Carley, damage to wagon, . .	1 75
Albert E. Boyce, for services at Rice's, .	2 50
Warren G. Currier, printing health notices, ...	3 00
Samuel Gardner, aid to transient persons, ...	3 00
George Foster, use of watering trough, .	3 00
George W. Goffe, hitching-posts and railings, ...	8 16
George W. Goffe, abatement of tax, .	4 68
George F. Barnard, damage to wagon, .	3 00
O. L. Kendall, money to dedicate the new town house, ...	200 00

E. G. Tolford, check lists and stamps,	$0 80
J. F. James, preambulating line between Bedford and Manchester, . .	2 75
Freeman R. French, for picture of old town house, ...	20 00
George W. Goffe, services as road agt.	10 00
Sewell Stratton, abatement on tax, 1875.	2 34
Gotolob Hoffman, " " 1876,	5 85
Charles Gage, damage to trees, fence and land, ...	10 00
J. P. Bartlett, council in Rice's nuisance case, ...	8 00
Clark, Bartlett & Mills, council at road hearing on petition of John Hodgman and others, ...	127 50
E. G. Tolford, paid expenses at hearing on Hodgman road, . . .	43 55
Albert E. Boyce, for removing Sophia Campbell to the County House at Wilton, ...	3 00
E. G. Tolford, paid County Commissioners fees and witness fees, at hearing on Hodgman road, . . .	151 14
Wm. Walker, use of watering trough,	3 10
John Hodgman, discount on tax in 1876,	100 86
" " abatement on tax lists 1875 and '76, ...	18 59
Temple & Farrington, stationery, . .	80
A. H. Bellows, abatement on taxes from 1870 to 1875, ...	50 00
Isaac C. Cutler, sheep damaged by dogs,	6 00
Horace Townsend, abatement of poll tax from 1872 to 1877, . . .	6 91
Wm. F. Conner, abatement of poll tax from 1872 to 1877, . . .	6 91
Wm. Moore, services as Constable in 1875 and 1876, ...	5 00

O. L. Kendall, for short credit on old orders, ...	$1 45	
Nathaniel B. Hull, abatement of poll tax in 1872, ...	1 70	
		$1,603 84

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Solomon Manning, labor on highways in District No. 9, ...	$24 50
Clinton French, labor on highways in District No. 8, ...	2 30
George W. Goffe, plank for bridge near F. Hodgman's, ...	14 00
E. G. Tolford, labor on highways and breaking roads, ...	7 92
William A. Rundlett, labor on highways in District No. 4, ...	17 65
B. W. Nichols, breaking and repairing highways, 1875, ...	4 50
E. G. Tolford, breaking and repairing highways in District No. 8, . .	56 20
Milton N. Flint, labor on highways in District No. 11, ...	16 70
J. C. Singer, breaking roads, . .	1 40
Sanford Roby, labor on highway in District No. 10, ...	7 00
H. T. Barnard, labor on highway in District No. 1, ...	40 80
Wm. A. Rundlett, labor on highway in District No. 4, ...	45 23
Orin P. Fracheur, labor on highway in District No. 3, ...	25 85
Isaac P. Hodgman, labor on highway in District No. 5, ...	20 00
E. G. Tolford, lobor on Daggett road, .	120 00

Wm. Cada, labor on County road, . .	$37 27
Seth P. Campbell, jr., labor on highways in District No. 30, ...	12 45
F. F. French, labor on highways in District No. 4, ...	129 60
Albert E. Boyce, labor on highways in District No. 27, ...	61 44
Wm. H. Tarr, labor on highways in District No. 19, ...	32 67
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out,	119 40
David Stevens, labor on highways in District No. 21, ...	60 20
Wm. Cada, labor on highways in District No. 26, ...	16 40
F. F. French, labor on highways in District No. 4, ...	101 15
George W. Goffe, bridge plank, . .	7 00
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out, ...	147 84
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out, ...	48 20
George W. Goffe, highway tax worked out, ...	87 44
Thomas J. Wiggin, labor on highway, .	61 93
John W. Peabody, " " .	4 13
Alfred Dunlap, " " in 1874,	49 35
Albert E. Boyce, " " in 1876,	39 17
Justin E. Vose, " " "	10 60
Thomas J. Wiggin, building culvert on River road, ...	13 00
Wm. P. Worthley, building over culvert in his district, ...	22 75
H. J. Plummer, labor on and breaking roads, ...	21 40
John Hodgman, highway tax worked out,	50 15
" " " .	455 05
" " " .	201 64

John Kinson, labor on and breaking roads,	$6 01	
S. C. Damon, plank for bridge in Frederick F. French's district, . .	2 82	
	——	$2,203 11

BREAKING ROADS.

Asa Carley, breaking roads in 1876, .	$4 35
E. J. Campbell, " " 1875, .	6 75
Henry T. Barnard, " " 1876, .	1 25
Orrin Webber, " " " .	96
Wm. U. Gage, " in 1874–5, .	5 00
E. G. Tolford, " in 1876–7, .	8 25
Wm. U. Gage, breaking roads in Cada and Stevens districts, . . .	15 50
Wm. H. Tarr, breaking roads in 1876–7,	38 38
George H. Wiggin, " " .	42 11
Albert E. Boyce, " " .	40 00
George W. Goffe, " " .	32 55
Reuben Bugbee, " " .	24 00
Milton W. Spencer, " " .	35 31
Frank S. Dearborn, " " .	15 00
Wm. Cada, " " .	36 72
F. F. French, " " .	45 68
Lucinda Jones, " " .	8 50
George F. Gage, " " .	48 60
Seth P. Campbell, jr., " " .	8 45
E. J. Campbell, " " .	7 25
Paul T. Campbell, " " .	32 40
Abner L. Hadley, " " .	12 15
Benjamin H. Smith, " " .	43 88
Stillman A. Shepard, " " .	35 85
George S. Campbell, " " .	3 00
Edwin Dunlap, " " .	36 28
Thomas J. Wiggin, " " .	29 29
B. W. Nichols, " " .	32 16

J S. McNeill's estate, break'g roads, '76-7			$22 80	
Clinton French,	"	" .	33 00	
Stephen Goffe,	"	" .	12 10	
Wm. McAfee,	"	" .	25 05	
Albert E. Boyce,	"	" .	2 40	
Albert L. Flint,	"	" .	9 50	
David Stevens,	"	" .	8 00	
Wm. P. Worthley,	"	" .	74 93	
Wm. U. Gage,	"	" .	4 50	
Ephraim Kendall,	"	" .	21 29	
David Sprague,	"	" .	14 10	
James E. French,	"	" .	47 90	
Elijah H. Cotton,	"	" .	51 00	
				$976 19

NEW ROADS.

Stillman Parkhurst, land damage on Wm. A. Flint road, built in 1875, .	$225 00	
Warren G. Currier, money to pay land damage on Wm. H. Tarr road, 1876,	380 00	
E. G. Tolford, for building Tarr road, .	400 00	
		$780 00

NEW TOWN HOUSE.

E. G. Tolford, advertising for proposals for building new Town House, .	$4 50
Oliver L. Kendall, paid for new Town House, ...	6,699 50
George W. Goffe, services as Committee on new Town House, . . .	55 00
Henry T. Barnard, services as Committee on new Town House, . .	55 00

Rodney M. Rollins, services as Committee on new Town House, . .	$55 00	
O. L. Kendall, for insuring new Town House, ...	50 00	
Henry T. Barnard, settees for new Town House, ...	677 42	
George W. Goffe, for stoves; trimmings, &c., for new Town House, .	171 48	
Thomas F. Kendall, blacksmith work on new Town House, ...	3 93	
		$7,771 83

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Wm. Cada, support of Mrs. Butler to April 1, 1876, ...	$15 00
Wm. Cada, funeral expenses of Miss Drew's child, ...	10 00
J. G. Warner, goods furnished Mrs. G. H. Witherspoon, ...	12 30
M. A. Farnum, aid furnished Mrs. G. H. Witherspoon, ...	10 00
Wm. Cada, support of Mrs. Butler from April 1 to June 1, . .	12 00
Jesse Witherspoon, aid furnished Mrs. G. H. Witherspoon, . . .	12 00
Wm. Cada, support of Mrs. Butler, from June 1 to Sept, 1, ...	18 00
Wm. Cady, support of Mrs. Butler, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, ...	18 00
Wm. Cada, support of Mrs. Butler, from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1, ...	16 00
Wm. Cada, support of Mrs. Butler from Jan. 1 to March 1, ...	12 00

James T. Kendall, groceries furnished Wm. H. Brown, ...	$14 81	
James French, support of Betsey and Abby Bursiel to Feb. 1, . . .	160 20	
		$310 31
Received of county, for support of Betsey and Abby Bursiel, to Jan. 1, 1877, .	156 00	
Funeral expenses of Sophia Drew's child,	10 00	
Due from county to March 1, 1877, .	20 50	
" town of Mount Vernon, . .	14 81	
		$201 31
Leaving, expended by town, . .		$109 00

MONEY ASSESSMENT.

Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents and non-residents, in the town of Bedford, for the year 1876:

State tax, ...	$1,604 00	
County tax, ...	909 07	
Highway tax, ...	2,000 00	
Town tax, ...	1 00	
Daggett road, ...	100 00	
School, ...	1,403 50	
Dog tax, ...	131 00	
Percentage, ...	177 68	
		$6,326 25

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, ...	$227 26
No. 2, ...	179 43
No. 3, ...	139 82
No. 4, ...	220 67
No. 5, ...	116 30

District No. 6,	$150 29	
No. 7,	154 82	
No. 8,	144 33	
No. 9,	125 70	
No. 10,	54 31	
No. 11,	73 35	
		$1,636 28

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN SINCE MARCH 1, 1876.

Incidental expenses,	$1,603 84	
Highways and bridges,	2,203 11	
Breaking roads,	976 19	
New roads,	780 00	
Stillman Parkhurst, land damage of 1875,	225 00	
New Town House,	7,771 83	
Support of poor,	310 31	
		$13,870 28

MONEY PAID WITHOUT ORDERS.

State tax,	$1,604 00	
County tax,	709 07	
School money in full,	1,636 28	
Balance of school money of 1875,	66 14	
		$4,215 49
		$18,085 77

The whole amount of assets from the Treasurer's report,	$21,853 68	
Deduct money paid out to March 1, 1877,	18,085 77	
		$3767 91

Deduct estimated, amount due town officers and outstanding bills, . .		$800 00
		$2,967 91
To which add amount received of the county for support of poor, . .	$166 00	
Due from county to March 1, 1877, .	20 50	
Due from town of Mount Vernon, . .	14 81	
		$201 31
Leaving a balance in favor of the town of		$3168 22

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELBRIDGE G. TOLFORD,
WARREN G. CURRIER,
WILLIAM U. GAGE,
Selectmen of Bedford.

For First Selectman.

JAMES T. KENDALL.

For Second Selectman.

HENRY T. BARNARD.

For Third Selectman.

GEORGE H. WIGGIN.

REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF BEDFORD FOR THE YEAR 1876-7.

It is the duty of the School Committee to make an annual report of all schools in town under his care. In accordance with the laws of the State, I will make a few remarks about what I have seen and heard. I take much pleasure in stating to you that this year has been a prosperous one to our schools; our prudential committees have used judgment, and have been careful in selecting teachers in their districts; our class of teachers has been well qualified for the position they have held, and have taken good interest in their schools, and have labored hard for the scholars, in my opinion, and the scholars have worked for themselves; that is plain to be seen by those that have visited the school room. It has been said in one district, "I guess we are not getting much of a school;" (he had not been in the school room—all guess work.) Before we express our thoughts we should examine the school ourselves. When parents instruct their children that it is none of the teacher's business where they go or what they do, it is best that we dispense with this state of things; very little advancement need be expected, as a teacher remarked. It is much better managing two schools than one district.

I was surprised to see the improvement made in some of the reading classes, the past year. If you wish to hear good and almost perfect reading, visit some of our district schools. It has been encouraging to teachers to have so many of the par-

ents of the scholars visit the schools for the past year; it contributes much to the interest of our schools. I think it would be an advantage to some schools to change some of the text books the coming year.

The schools are furnished well with blackboards, and have made good use of them the past winter. The schools are deficient in globes and maps, which are needed to obtain a thorough knowledge of geography; it is difficult for the young to get a correct idea of the shape of the earth's surface without them. There are some schools in town prolonged by subscription, after the public fund is expended, which is a great advantage, as the scholars have got interested in their studies, and will make more improvement than at first. I wish all districts would practice the same. There has been a uniform kindness in most of the schools between teachers, scholars and parents. Nothing will help children along more than knowing that the older people are interested in their work.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Anna H. Eastman. Autumn term. Teacher, Miss Anna Titus. Winter term. Teacher, Miss A. A. Trickey.

	Summer Term.	Autumn Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	11	6	$11\frac{4}{5}$
Scholars,	35	33	38
Reading,	35	33	38
Spelling,	35	33	38
Penmanship,	20	13	22
Arithmetic,	16	15	30
Geography,	15	7	16
Grammar,	5	0	4
History,	3	4	3
Bookkeeping,	1	0	0
Composition,	0	0	7
Physiology,	0	0	4
Algebra,	0	0	2

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term; teacher, Miss Miriam B. Gilmore. Winter term; teacher, Miss Flora M. Senter.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	10	12
Scholars,	22	22
Reading,	22	22
Penmanship,	8	22
Arithmetic,	13	22
Geography,	6	14
Grammar,	2	4
Bookkeeping,	2	0
Algebra,	0	2
Spelling,	22	22

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term; teacher, Miss Laura Center. Winter term; teacher, Miss Della J. Baker.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
No of weeks,	10	10
Scholars,	21	22
Reading,	21	22
Spelling,	20	20
Penmanship,	18	19
Arithmetic,	17	17
Geography,	13	13
Grammar,	6	5
Composition,	0	2
Algebra,	0	2

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer and Autumn terms; teacher, Miss Mazie A. Walker. Winter term; teacher, Miss Hattie A. Page.

	Summer Term.	Autumn Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	8	10	9
Scholars,	15	16	16
Reading,	15	16	16

Spelling,	15	16	16
Penmanship,	9	11	10
Arithmetic,	8	12	12
Geography,	8	9	9
Grammar,	2	6	7
Composition,	3	4	7
Bookkeeping,	0	0	1
Algebra,	0	0	2

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer and winter terms ; teacher, Mrs. Eliza A. Stevens.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	8	10
Scholars,	10	11
Reading,	10	11
Spelling,	10	11
Penmanship.	9	9
Arithmetic,	10	10
Geography,	7	7
Grammar,	5	5
History,	2	2

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term ; teacher, Miss Della J. Baker. Winter term ; teacher, Miss Etta McLaren.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	10	16
Scholars,	13	15
Reading,	13	15
Spelling,	13	15
Penmanship,	12	15
Arithmetic,	10	15
Geography,	10	8
Grammar,	4	3
History,	1	2

For Second Selectman.
WILLIAM D. MITCHELL.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer term; teacher, Miss Carrie M. Gilmore. Winter term; teacher, Miss Clara G. Fogg.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	10	11
Scholars,	18	23
Reading,	18	23
Spelling,	18	23
Penmanship,	17	23
Arithmetic,	16	22
Geography,	11	12
Composition,	11	14
History,	6	6
Algebra,	1	1
Philosophy,	0	1
Bookkeeping,	0	1
Vocal music,	18	23
Grammar,	11	15

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer and winter terms; teacher, Sarah B. Spencer.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
No of weeks,	11	12
Scholars,	26	32
Reading,	26	32
Spelling,	26	32
Penmanship,	12	24
Arithmetic,	14	28
Geography,	10	24
Grammar,	2	4
History,	0	1

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer and autumn terms; teacher, Miss Nellie B. Chamberlain. Winter term; teacher, Miss Clara L. Bennett.

	Summer Term.	Autumn Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	8	7	9
Scholars,	19	16	22

For Representative.

ELBRIDGE G. TOLFORD.

Reading,	19	16	22
Spelling,	19	16	22
Penmanship,	15	12	20
Arithmetic,	14	10	20
Geography,	4	3	6
Grammar,	6	5	7
Composition,	8	5	10
Physiology,	1	0	0
History,	0	0	5

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer and winter terms ; teacher, Lizzie Nichols.

	Summer Term	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	8	9
Scholars,	11	13
Reading,	11	13
Spelling,	11	13
Penmanship,	4	9
Arithmetic,	9	10
Geography,	9	8
Grammar.	5	5

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer and winter terms ; teacher, Mary E. Manning.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
No. of weeks,	6	13
Scholars,	4	16
Reading,	4	16
Spelling,	4	13
Penmanship,	2	4
Arithmetic,	3	9
Geography,	1	5
Grammar,	1	2
History,	1	0
Physiology,	1	0
Drawing,	1	0

SUMMARY.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Whole No. of Scholars,	194	231
Reading,	194	231
Spelling,	193	230
Penmanship,	126	178
Arithmetic,	130	195
Geography,	94	122
Grammar,	43	62
Composition,	22	40
History,	12	17
Algebra,	2	8
Philosophy,	0	2
Physiology,	2	4
Bookkeeping,	3	2
Drawing,	1	0
Vocal Music,	18	23

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM U. GAGE,
School Committee.

Bedford, N. H., March 3, 1877.

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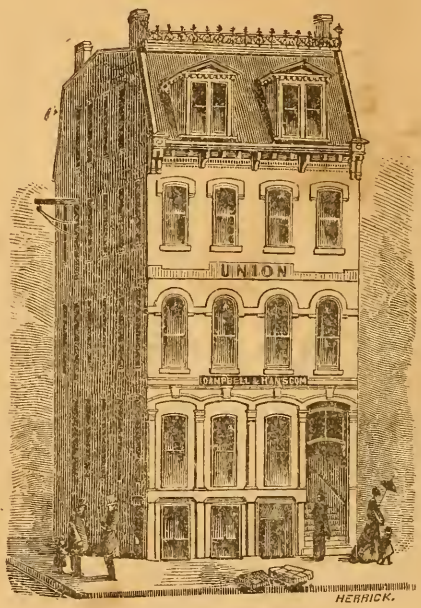

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